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TAGS: OREP (THURMOND, STROM)

SUBJECT: CODEL THURMOND

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1. SEN. AND MRS. SKTROM THURMOND, AND SEN. AND MRS. WILLIAM SCOTT VISITED TUA IPEI DEC. 31 - JAN 2. CODEL RECEIVED EMBASSY, US MILITARY, AND ROC MILITARY BRIEFINGS, AND CALLED ON THE VICE PRESIDENT, PREMIER, CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF, PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE YUAN, AND KU CHENG-KANG (HONORARY CHAIRMAN OF WORLD ANTI-COMMUNIST LEAGUE). HEY WERE ENTERTAINED AT LUNCHEON BY THE AMBASSADOR, AND AT DINSNER BY THE FOREIGN MNINISTER. SEN. AND MRS. SCOTT WERE HOZSTED AT LUNCH BY KU CHENG-KANG. THE THURMONDS WERE GIVEN A HELICQOPTER TOUR OF TAIPEI AND ENVIRONS. MRS. THURMFOND AND MRS. SCOTT VISITED THE CHENG HSING CHILDREN'S REHABILITATION CENTER. SCHEDULED CALL ON MDME CHIANG WAS CANCELLED BECAUSE OF HERE INDISPOSITION.

2. IN BRIEFINGS AND IN DISCUSSION WITH THE CHINESE, SENATORS SEEMED PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN STRENGTH OF THE US-ROC RELATIONSHIP, ABILITY OF US FORCES TO COME TO DEFENSE OF TAIWAN IN THE EVENT OF ATTACK, AND ABILITY OF ROC FORCES TO DETER AN INVASION ATTEMPT (REFTEL).

3. IN DISCUSSION WITH PREMIER CHIANG, SENATORS EXPRESSED THEIR STRONG FRIENDSHIP FOR ROC. ALTHOUGH THE US NEEDS TO HAVE FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES, THEY SAID, THE NATIONALIST CHINESE ARE OUR REALY FRIENDS. SENATORS ALLIED  
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THEMSELVES WITH VIEWS OF SENATOR FONG ON THE ROC AND PRC, AS

RECENTLY PUBLISHED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL REGISTER, AND STATED  
BELIEF THAT US SHOULD AVOID TAKING ANY ACTION WHICH WOULD  
ENDANGER THE ROC. SENATORS SAID THEY BELIEVED THAT THE  
FORTHCOMING VISIT OF PRESIDENT FORD TO THE PRC SHOULD NOT  
CAUSE ROC ANY PROBLEMS. THE PREMIER DID NOT COMMENT ON THE  
FORD VISIT.

4. THE VISIT WENT SMOOTHLY, AND CODEL APPEARED SATISFIED  
WITH SCHEDULE AND ARRANGEMENTS.  
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